



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 437

LCO No. 1849

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

An Act Establishing A Blue Ribbon Commission On The Future Of Hospitals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (a) There is established a Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of
2 Hospitals. The commission shall: (1) Review the current financial
3 situation of hospitals in this state; (2) examine current assessments on
4 such hospitals; (3) examine health care delivery in this state, on a
5 regional basis; (4) determine the effects of managed care on such
6 hospitals; (5) evaluate the impact of the Federal Balanced Budget Act
7 of 1997 on such hospitals; and (6) formulate recommendations for
8 improvements in hospital efficiencies.
- 9 (b) (1) The commission shall consist of the following members:
 - 10 (A) Four appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
 - 11 (B) Four appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
 - 12 (C) Four appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
 - 13 (D) Four appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

14 (E) Four appointed by the majority leader of the House of
15 Representatives;

16 (F) Four appointed by the minority leader of the House of
17 Representatives; and

18 (G) Four appointed by the Governor.

19 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
21 relating to public health shall be members of the commission. The
22 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
23 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
24 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and finance, revenue
25 and bonding, or their designees, shall serve as ex-officio members. The
26 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioner
27 of Health Care Access and the Commissioner of Public Health, or their
28 designees, shall also serve as ex-officio members.

29 (c) All appointments to the commission shall be made no later than
30 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
31 filled by the appointing authority.

32 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
33 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall
34 serve as chairpersons of the commission. The chairpersons shall
35 schedule the first meeting of the commission, which shall be held no
36 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

37 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
39 health shall serve as administrative staff of the commission.

40 (f) Not later than January 1, 2001, the commission shall submit a
41 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
43 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section

44 11-4a of the general statutes. The commission shall terminate on the
45 date that it submits such report or January 1, 2001, whichever is earlier.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Hospitals to examine the problems facing hospitals in this state and work towards a solution to those problems that will improve the health care delivery system in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]